

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (previously allowed)

Claim 23. (canceled)

Claim 24. (currently amended) A method of forming a pattern of at least two coatings onto a base substrate to achieve edge alignment between at least a part of each of said coatings along at least a part of one edge of said pattern, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a substrate comprising at least one base;
b) applying a first coating to at least a part of said base;
c) applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating; and
d) during formation of said pattern, modifying at least a portion of said first coating over-covered by said second coating by applying energy thereto via an over-covering region of said second coating such that a characteristic of said first coating is altered;
wherein said edge alignment is achieved without mechanically altering an edge portion of either applied coating.

~~The method of claim 23, wherein step (d) includes modifying a shape of a portion of said first coating by applying energy thereto via an over covering region of said second coating.~~

Claims 25-63 (canceled)